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**ANNUAL
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To the Chairman and Members of the Nantwich Rural District Council

My report on the health of the Rural District Council for the year 1972 follows:

Vital Statistics

During 1972, 10 infants died before reaching the age of 1 year, and the infantile mortality rate for the year is 20 per 1,000 live births.

The number of infants dying is identical with the 1971 figure, the rate increases due to a reduction in the number of births. 9 of the 10 babies died during the first month of life. The total number of live births (512) shows a fall in the 1971 figure. This is in keeping with the national trend. The illegitimate live birth rate percentage of all live births remains low at 2.0%.

The total number of deaths was 381, and the adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 population is 10.8. A table is included to show comparative statistics for the past eleven years. Another table shows the causes of death given on the Death certificates.

Infectious Diseases

Measles notifications (144) is higher than the 1971 figure (58). 75 of these children were aged 5 – 1st school year – and had probably not received immunisation. Food poisoning and Infective Jaundice notifications remained low.

General Matters

The Mortuary Services provided for the Rural District at Leighton Hospital by the South Cheshire Hospital Management Committee were entirely satisfactory. The Engineer and Surveyor has kindly provided detailed information on sewerage, sewage disposal and housing, in the body of the report.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

D. G. CRAWSHAW.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Whole Council.

Chairman: Councillor D. C. Crowther (Resigned 18/9/72).

Chairman: Councillor T. Steele (as from 19/10/72).

Vice-Chairman: Councillor R. Brown.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. D. G. Crawshaw, M.B., Ch.B.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.F.C.M., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector: John S. Townley, M.A.P.H.I.,
M.Inst. P.C.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector: John Craven, M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. I. of Housing.

Additional Public Health Inspector: Malcolm B. Elliott,
M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector: Kenneth M. Jones,
Cert. P.H.I.E.B.

Additional Public Health Inspector: L. Peter Boardman,
Cert. P.H.I.E.B.

Additional Public Health Inspector: Brian Joynson, M.A.P.H.I.

Cleansing Inspector: Frederick C. Morgan.

Clerical Assistant/Shorthand Typist: Miss Carol A. Dutton.

Clerk: Benjamin A. Reinhardt.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	100,885
Population	...	...	...	...	...	35,290
Number of inhabited houses			...	...	...	12,788
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£3,396,292
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate					...	£34,800

VITAL STATISTICS

	MALE			FEMALE		
	Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate
Live Births	252	250	2	260	251	9
Still Births	4	3	1	2	2	—
Deaths of Infants:						
Under 1 year of age	5	5	—	5	5	—
Under 4 weeks of age	4	4	—	5	5	—
Under 1 week of age	4	4	—	5	5	—
Deaths at all Ages	206	—	—	175	—	—
Livebirths per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	14.5
Illegitimate livebirths as percentage of all livebirths	...	...	...	...	...	2.0
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	12
Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 livebirths)	...	...	...	...	...	20
Deaths of Legitimate Infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	20
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	—
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 livebirths)	...	...	...	...	...	18
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 livebirths)	...	...	...	...	...	18
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	...	...	...	...	...	29
Death Rate per 1,000 population (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	10.8
Maternal Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	—
Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	—

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS 1962 - 1972

Year	LIVE BIRTHS			STILLBIRTHS		DEATHS		INFANT DEATHS					MATERNAL DEATHS			
	No.	Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population	No.	Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Stillbirths	No.	Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks to 12 months	Total	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number			Rate per 1,000 Total Births		
											Sepsis	Other	Total			
1962	469	16.40	2	4.20	331	11.60	6	8	14	29.70	-	-	-	-		
1963	420	14.46	9	20.98	339	11.67	3	5	8	19.05	-	-	-	-		
1964	451	15.45	6	13.12	358	12.26	5	3	8	17.73	-	-	-	-		
1965	456	15.32	7	15.11	319	10.71	6	3	9	19.73	-	-	-	-		
1966	453	14.77	6	13.07	339	11.05	5	4	9	19.86	-	-	-	-		
1967	479	15.22	8	16.43	326	10.36	-	2	2	4.18	-	1	1	2.05		
1968	532	16.31	7	12.98	375	11.50	10	1	11	20.69	-	1	1	1.85		
1969	513	15.00	6	12.00	359	11.60	5	1	6	12.00	-	-	-	-		
1970	508	14.60	3	6.00	339	10.80	10	2	12	24.00	-	-	-	-		
1971	548	15.9	9	16.00	383	11.1	9	1	10	18.00	-	-	-	-		
1972	512	14.5	6	12.00	381	10.8	9	1	10	20.00	-	-	-	-		

TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of death	Male	Female
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	10	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	15	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	4	—
Leukaemia	1	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	9
Diabetes Mellitus	—	4
Anaemias	2	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	6	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease	59	32
Other Forms of Heart Disease	15	18
Cerebrovascular Disease	25	34
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	7
Influenza	1	4
Pneumonia	7	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	14	4
Asthma	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	6	3
Appendicitis	1	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	5
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	2	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	3	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	—	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	2
All Other Accidents	2	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	206	175

ROAD ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES

The Road Safety Officer has kindly supplied the following particulars:

					1971	1972
Accidents Reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	202	240
Fatal						
Children under 5 years		.....	.....	.....	—	1
Children 5/15 years	.....	.....	.....	.....	—	1
Persons over 15 years	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	12
Deceased Residence						
Within R.D.C. area	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3
Outside R.D.C. area	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	11
Injured						
Children under 5 years (serious)		.....	.....	.....	1	2
Children under 5 years (slight)		.....	.....	.....	6	7
Children 5/15 years (serious)		.....	.....	.....	3	9
Children 5/15 years (slight)	12	24
Persons over 15 years (serious)		71	96
Persons over 15 years (slight)		214	242
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					307	380
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WEATHER CONDITIONS

The following weather conditions for the year, have been supplied by the Principal of the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath, Nantwich:—

Climatic Data—1972

Month	Rainfall in m.m.	Air Temp. in degrees C. and F.			
		Minimum °C	°F	Maximum °C	°F
January	58.00	—9	16	12	54
February	30.40	—5	23	10	50
March	31.40	—2	29	18	64
April	56.70	—1	30	15	59
May	64.78	1	34	17	63
June	54.89	3	37	19	67
July	56.40	6	42	26	79
August	66.85	5	41	25	78
September	41.65	0	32	22	72
October	32.60	—2	29	18	64
November	62.07	—3	27	14	57
December	50.40	—2	29	13	56

LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory at Chester accepts samples of water and ice-cream and other foods for examination and the arrangements introduced with the Group Laboratory of the South Cheshire Hospital Management Committee in 1956, for accepting other bacteriological specimens continues, and the service given is much appreciated.

The chemical analysis of water is undertaken by the County Analyst to whom a fee is payable.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

With the use of radio control the service is operated centrally at County Level, with vehicles and personnel based at Crewe. Local requests for ambulance transport are accepted at the Ambulance Depot., Badger Avenue, Crewe. Telephone No. Crewe 2030.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in this area.

DISINFECTION

Terminal disinfection is carried out at homes of patients suffering from infectious diseases, as and when required. Arrangements for the steam disinfection of bedding and clothing, etc., are made with the South Cheshire Hospital Management Committee. No such action was necessary during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are 25 individual caravan sites, one site of 10 vans, and one of 60 vans. The County Council have commenced site work to provide an Itinerants Caravan Park at Wrenbury for 15 vans.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 & AMENDMENT ACT 1951

One application under the above Acts was made for an Order requiring the removal of a person living in insanitary conditions on the grounds that she was not receiving proper care and attention.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND OTHER INSECT PESTS

No Council or private houses were found to be infested with bed bugs during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector which deals with this matter is attached hereto.

SCHOOLS

No schools were closed during the year as a result of infectious diseases or epidemics.

NUTRITION

No action under this heading has been taken by this Council, and the Welfare Centres at Audlem, Bunbury, Haslington, Shavington, Wistaston and Wrenbury, under the supervision of the County Health Committee, have continued to do valuable work in this respect.

SHELL-FISH

There are no shell-fish beds or layings in this district.

MILK SUPPLIES—BRUCELLA ABORTUS

The following table has been supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, whose department undertakes the sampling in connection with Brucella Abortus.

				Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	...	...	...	14	—
Dealer Samples	...	...	...	30	—
Individual Cow Samples	...	...	...	94	3
Total				138	3

In cases where individual cow samples prove positive on Brucella Cultural Examination notices are served requiring that the milk from the offending animals shall not be sold for human consumption or used in the manufacture of products for human consumption unless it has been treated, or in the case of a sale is sold subject to it being treated before consumption, in such a way as to secure to the satisfaction of the District Medical Officer of Health that it may with safety be so disposed of.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no Egg Pasteurisation plants in the district.

WATER SUPPLY

The Council is a constituent member of the Mid Cheshire Water Board, which maintains a satisfactory and adequate supply of mains water throughout the whole district.

The Board carries out an extensive sampling programme and the Local Authority are notified of any unsatisfactory sample. The Health Department also has a routine of regularly sampling the Mid Cheshire Water Board Supplies.

Samples are taken from the few private supplies remaining in the district.

59 parishes are completely provided with mains water and of the remaining ten, seven parishes have only one property without mains water, one has two properties, and two parishes, Peckforton and Wetenhall, have seven and two properties respectively on an estate supply.

There are no residential properties known to be obtaining water from standpipes, other than the occasional caravan sites.

The position excluding estate supplies at the end of 1971 is summarised as follows:—

Bad private supplies	...	...	...	...	6
Suspicious private supplies	...	...	...	...	1
Satisfactory private supplies	...	...	...	...	2

23 water samples were taken during the year for bacteriological examination, 14 proving satisfactory and 9 unsatisfactory. All occupiers of premises with a bad or suspicious supply have been notified to boil all water intended for domestic purposes.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES SHOWING INCIDENCE OF CASES IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS AMONG CIVILIANS

Age	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice	Food Poisoning	TOTALS
Under 1	7	—	—	—	7
1—	16	—	—	—	16
2—	10	—	—	—	10
3—	10	1	—	1	12
4—	12	—	—	—	12
5—	75	7	—	—	82
10—	9	—	—	—	9
15—	2	—	—	—	2
20—	1	—	1	—	2
35—	—	—	1	—	1
45—	—	—	—	—	—
65+	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown—	2	—	—	—	2
Total	144	8	2	1	155

TUBERCULOSIS **NEW CASES NOTIFIED (including Inward Transfers) and** **MORTALITY DURING 1972**

			New Cases and Transfers				Deaths			
Age Periods			Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals			-		-		1		-	

Number of Cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year 1972:

Males		Females	
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
17	4	10	4

THE ENGINEER & SURVEYOR PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND HOUSING:

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:

Main Village Schemes:

During the year, work was completed on sewerage schemes at Nursery Road, Oakhanger, and Newcastle Road, Wybunbury.

A contract to provide a connecting sewer to Crewe M.B.C. sewage disposal works to relieve the overloaded Wistaston S.D.W. and also to provide a new relief sewer for the Shavington & Wistaston area has proceeded satisfactorily and is now virtually completed. Work is now well advanced on a scheme to provide a new link sewer to relieve the Haslington S.D.W.

Tenders have been received for the Wrenbury & District Sewerage Scheme and subject to Department of the Environment's approval, a start is expected in June, 1973.

Detailed design work has continued and land purchase is proceeding for schemes for the Stoke, Wardle, Calveley & Alpraham area; Colleys Lane, Willaston and Newtons Lane/Elton Lane, Winterley. All these schemes could commence 1973.

2. Housing:

During 1972, 260 dwellings were completed by private enterprise and at the end of the year 183 were under construction.

Work was completed on the Audlem Housing and Welfare Scheme (31 dwellings), the Queen Street, Bunbury bungalow scheme (16 bungalows), the Barons Road, Shavington Scheme (2 bungalows and wardens house), and on a scheme for the modernisation of 10 pre-war houses at Buerton and Hunsterson.

Work commenced on a scheme for 22 bungalows and a wardens house at Cedar Court, Willaston.

Design work is now well advanced on a scheme to provide 6 bungalows at Brindley and a scheme for 68 dwellings and a welfare unit at Wistaston Green Road, Wistaston.

Improvement Grants continue to be dealt with and during the year Discretionary Grants covering 31 properties and amounting to £18,241 were paid. Standard Grants covering 36 properties and amounting to £6,474 were also paid.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1972

Public Health Department,
Stapeley House,
Stapeley,
Nantwich,
Cheshire.

To the Chairman and Members of the Nantwich Rural District Council
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year 1972 was influenced by the proposals for the reorganisation of Local Government, and preparatory work for the formation of the new district No. 7, by our amalgamation with the Crewe Borough and Nantwich Urban District Councils, as from the 1st April, 1974, became intense.

Whilst the various Working Parties absorbed much time, the bringing up to date of records, particularly housing surveys, to facilitate integration with the other authorities concerned, is receiving attention.

A reduction in the number of animals slaughtered in the slaughterhouses in the district has relieved the pressure for meat inspection and enabled more concentrated attention to be paid to other matters for which this department is responsible.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

The following tabular statement sets out the number and nature of these made during the year:—

Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	2533
Housing	...	...	...	...	...	2049
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	826
Poultry Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	152
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	344
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	20
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	5
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	30
Slaughterhouses (other than inspection of meat)	...	...	...	...	...	35
Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	469
Imported Food Regs.	...	...	...	...	...	38
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	27
Notifiable Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	24
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	669
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	122
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	74
Milk and Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	61
Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	...	27
National Assistance Act	...	...	...	...	...	4
Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	106
TOTAL						<hr/> 7625 <hr/>

NOTICES SERVED

Public Health Acts:

Informal notices served	...	...	...	...	...	19
Statutory notices served	...	...	...	...	...	9
Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	9

Food Hygiene:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	55
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	47

Slaughterhouses:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	14
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	14

Hawkers of Food:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	8
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Factories:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	4
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Housing:

Notices to appear	...	...	...	...	...	2
Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	1
Undertakings accepted	...	...	...	...	...	2
Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses made fit	...	...	...	...	...	2

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	23
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	8

Clean Air Act:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	—
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Civic Amenities Act:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	1
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Animal Boarding Establishments Act:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	1
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	2

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act:

Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	4
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	4

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

All necessary enquiries and investigations into cases notified to the Medical Officer of Health were made and appropriate action taken, particular attention being given to those cases where food handlers were involved.

One case of food poisoning was confirmed during the year.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in use in this district.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Sewage disposal installations and sewers are treated by the Engineer's Department as required, and refuse disposal sites by the Public Health Department, both departments having trained personnel available for the purpose.

The Public Health Inspectors carry out searches for rodent infestations in the normal course of their duties, and are available in an advisory capacity to assist anyone wishing to carry out treatment themselves, and to investigate complaints and reports of infestations.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The closely built-up parts of the area receive a weekly collection of household refuse with the remainder, including farms, receiving a fortnightly collection.

The number of pail closets emptied weekly fell from 611 to 553 during the year, due to closet conversions.

A reduction in the number of refuse disposal tips has made it possible to achieve more efficient control of those remaining, which should soon be reduced to two.

Special collections above normal quantities of household refuse and bulky articles of household origin are arranged on application. Garden refuse and builders waste is not catered for, but along with other bulky materials and car bodies, etc. can be taken privately to one of the Council's tips which is open for the purpose at specified times.

In spite of all that is being done to assist the public in disposing of waste materials, there is still an extensive problem of refuse being dumped on roadsides, for which there is no excuse so far as the residents of the Nantwich Rural District are concerned.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

No special action became necessary under this Act during the year which it is believed is being reasonably met so far as sanitary conveniences are concerned. In most cases internal sanitation has been provided in the farmhouses, leaving the original facilities outside available for staff use where required.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a copy of the table forwarded by the Secretary of State for Employment for the guidance of Medical Officers of Health in preparing that part of their Annual Report which relates to factories:

Part I of the Act

1—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	NUMBER OF Written Occupiers Notices Prosecuted	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	7	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	61	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	12	6	—	—
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TOTAL	142	74	4	—
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2—Cases in which defects were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred To H.M. By H.M.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Insp.	Insp.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable tem- perature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventil- ation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including off- ences relating to Outwork)	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	2	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act—Outwork.

Section 133		and		Section 134		
Nature of Work (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	12	-	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Informal action continued as required, with industrial concerns co-operating with the Council's Officials to ensure the prevention of smoke nuisances.

There is still no decision by the Minister with respect to the Smoke Control Order at Wistaston and Woolstanwood, which was submitted in December 1962, and is complimentary with the Borough of Crewe No. 1 Order.

HOUSING

The following is an assessment of the work of the department throughout the year :—

1. Houses dealt with without service of formal notice:
- | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Made fit or defects remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Closed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
2. Statutory Action under Public Health Act:
- | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Notices served | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Houses in which defects were remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
3. Action under Housing Acts:
- | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Demolition Orders made | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Undertakings accepted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Closing Orders made | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Houses Closed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Houses made fit | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Families displaced | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
4. Clearance Areas - Action under Part III of the Housing Act 1957:
- The Nantwich Rural District Council (Lea Forge Cottages, Lea) Clearance Order, 1970 refers to seven houses, all were vacated by the end of the year.
- The Stafford Street, Audlem, Clearance Order, 1967 involves five houses, all but one being vacated by the end of the year.
5. Final Action Pending:
- At the end of the year the position was as follows:
- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Houses vacant awaiting demolition | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Houses still occupied | ... | ... | ... | 16 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Suppliers

There were 57 Distributors of Milk on the register at the end of the year.

Hawkers

There were 82 Hawkers of Food Registered under Section 114 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970

The following table shows the number of food premises subject to the Regulations, the requirements of which are being very well complied with.

Trade or Business					
Cafes, Restaurants, etc.	...	...	...	...	9
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	35
Factory, Office and other Canteens	...	...	...	...	20
Fried Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	59
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	3
General Provisions	...	...	...	...	97
Butchers	...	...	...	...	14
Greengrocery	...	...	...	...	5
Chemists	...	...	...	...	4
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	1
Confectionery	...	...	...	...	9
Poultry Dressing and Plucking Establishments	...	...	...	...	8
Sweets and Ice-cream	...	...	...	...	15
TOTAL					283

Details of weight of food (other than meat at slaughterhouses) condemned during 1972:

	Tons.	cwts.	lbs.
Meat	—	1	6
Canned meats	—	—	24
Other canned food	—	—	46
Frozen foods	—	2	12
TOTAL	—	3	88

Ice-cream

33 samples of ice-cream were taken during 1972, with the following results:

Grade	I	II	III	IV
	30	—	3	—

Poultry Hygiene and Inspection

Six poultry slaughterhouses operate in the area. Two establishments, where turkey or domestic fowl are stunned before slaughter, being registered under Section 2 of the Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967.

It is estimated that the following birds were handled during the year:

Turkeys	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,260
Ducks	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Geese	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Hens	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,525,000
Broilers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,080
Capons	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,520
TOTAL							1,541,860

It is estimated that 2½% of the above birds were rejected as unfit for human consumption, with an estimated weight of 1,376 cwts.

Slaughtering Facilities and Meat Inspection

Eight of the nine licensed slaughterhouses in the district continued to operate throughout 1972. At one slaughterhouse no animals were slaughtered after March. 56,729 animals were slaughtered, the maximum charges allowed for inspection under the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963/1971 being applied in all cases with an income of £3,707.18.

Details of Animals Inspected and Meat Condemned

	Cattle						
	(Excl. Cows)	Cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Total	
Number killed	5,591	2,836	11,954	13,750	22,598	56,729	
Number not inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci							
Whole Carcases condemned ...	26	222	271	265	58	842	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,231	1,833	27	1,306	1,881	6,278	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	22.5	72.5	2.5	11.4	8.6	12.7	
Tuberculosis only							
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	2	-	2	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	3	-	17	-	20	
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis ...	-	0.10	-	0.14	-	0.04	
Cysticerci only							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned...	8	1	-	-	-	9	
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	8	1	-	-	-	9	
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Percentage of the number inspected infected with cysticerci	0.14	0.04	-	-	-	0.02	

The estimated total weight of meat condemned was 142 tons. The meat which is unfit for human consumption is sold by the slaughterhouse occupiers to approved establishments for processing. At one slaughterhouse certain glands and organs together with suitable condemned livers are allocated for pharmaceutical purposes.

During 1972, 2 cows and 1 beast were consigned to slaughterhouses under the Tuberculosis (Slaughter of Reactors) Order. Any animal found to be affected with tuberculosis during the course of inspection is notified to the Ministry's Veterinary Officers who endeavour to trace the source of infection.

The number of slaughtermen licensed by the Council was 31.

CANALS

The use of the canals, which cross the area, by pleasure boats is increasing. The disposal of refuse and litter is always a problem, but it is hoped that with the co-operation of the British Waterways Board, it will be kept under control.

OFFENSIVE TRADE

There is still only one in the area—a tripe boiler—which continues to operate without cause for complaint.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

TABLE A—Registrations and General Inspections			Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises Newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	(4)
Offices ...	4	25	9
Retail Shops ...	5	69	29
Wholesale shops and warehouses ...	-	2	2
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens ...	1	15	7
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
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TOTALS	10	112	47
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TABLE B—Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises—132.

TABLE C—Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by (according to) Workplace.

Class of workplace (1)	Number of Persons employed (2)
Offices	85
Retail shops	137
Wholesale departments, warehouses	38
Catering establishments open to the public	120
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	2
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	TOTAL 384
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	Total Males 142
	Total Females 242

The area administered by this authority is mainly residential, the basic industry being agriculture, closely allied to dairy farming. The number of premises registered under the Act are comparatively small and are linked to village community life. The observance by employers of their responsibilities under the Act is generally good; no specific instance of exceptional note came to light during the year.

We have had no occasion to invoke section 22 of the Act, with respect to dangerous conditions and practices.

I am

Your obedient Servant,

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